

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 15, 2006. Claims 1-54 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-54 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

SECTION 112 REJECTIONS

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In this regard, the Examiner asserted that because the preamble of Claim 1 recites a "navigation routing system," Claim 1 should recite "more than one subsystem, or modules, or components" (Office Action, page 2). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant respectfully submits that the test for definiteness is whether "those skilled in the art would understand what is claimed when the claim is read in light of the specification." M.P.E.P. § 2173.02 (emphasis added). Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to M.P.E.P. § 2173 which recites:

The primary purpose of this requirement of definiteness of claim language is to ensure that the scope of the claims is clear so the public is informed of the boundaries of what constitutes infringement of the patent.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has offered no basis for indicating that one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand what is defined by Claim 1, especially when read in light of Applicant's specification. In fact, Applicant has found no basis or support for the Examiner's assertion, either in the M.P.E.P. or elsewhere, that the body of a claim must recite a specified number of subsystems, modules or components if a preamble recites the word "system." Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

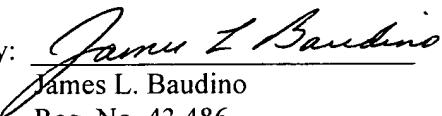
Applicant hereby elects the species which the Examiner indicates as corresponding to Species I corresponding to Claims 1-15, 30-42 and 49-54 for prosecution in the present Application. This election is made without traverse. Applicant reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

No fee is believed due with this Response. If, however, Applicant has overlooked the need for any fee due with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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